

NOTE: See additional changes at 2nd quarter 2006 update

Summary of Stock Status Determination Changes – Update through December 31, 2005

Overview of overfishing status of FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005

- 172 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfishing status. Of these:
 - 132 stocks or stock complexes are not subject to overfishing.
 - 40 stocks or stock complexes have a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the overfishing threshold (i.e., is subject to overfishing).
- 58 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfishing status.

Changes in overfishing status and/or score of FSSI stocks

- In the Northwest Region -
 - *Lingcod* is no longer subject to overfishing – score increased from 2 to 4 (see overfished changes).
 - *Shortspine Thornyhead* is no longer subject to overfishing – score increased from 3 to 4.
 - *Black Rockfish - North* is no longer subject to overfishing – score increased from 3 to 4.
- There are no changes to any of the other regions.

Overview of overfished status of FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005

- 157 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfished status. Of these:
 - 116 stocks or stock complexes are not overfished.
 - 41 stocks or stock complexes are overfished.
- 73 stocks or stock complexes have overfished thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfished status.

Changes in overfished status and/or score of FSSI stocks

- In the Northeast Region -
 - The biomass of *Witch Flounder* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.

- In the Southeast Region –
 - The biomass of *South Atlantic White Shrimp* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.
 - The biomass of *South Atlantic Brown Shrimp* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.
- In the Northwest Region –
 - *Lingcod* is rebuilt and the biomass is now at or above 100% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 2 to 4 (see overfishing changes).
- In the Alaska Region –
 - *Gulf of Alaska Rex Sole* is not overfished (was previously undefined) and the biomass is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 1.5 to 4.
 - *Gulf of Alaska Rougheye Rockfish* is not overfished (was previously undefined) and the biomass is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 1.5 to 4.
 - *Snow Crab – Bering Sea* is no longer overfished, but is still rebuilding (biomass is below 100% of maximum sustainable yield) – score increased from 2 to 3.
 - *Tanner Crab – Eastern Bering Sea* is no longer overfished, but is still rebuilding (biomass is below 100% of maximum sustainable yield) – score increased from 2 to 3.
 - The biomass of *Gulf of Alaska Walleye Pollock – Western/Central* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.
- There are no changes to the other regions.

Overview of overfishing status of non-FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005

- 67 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfishing status. Of these:
 - 66 stocks or stock complexes are not subject to overfishing.
 - 1 stock has a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the overfishing threshold (i.e., is subject to overfishing).
- 391 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfishing status.

Changes in overfishing status of non-FSSI stocks

- In the Alaska Region –
 - *Gulf of Alaska Shortraker Rockfish* is not subject to overfishing (was previously undefined).
 - *Gulf of Alaska Longnose Skate* is not subject to overfishing (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).
 - *Gulf of Alaska Big Skate* is not subject to overfishing (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).
- There are no changes to the other regions.

Overview of overfished status of non-FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005

- 22 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfished status. Of these:
 - 21 stocks or stock complexes are not overfished.
 - 1 stock is overfished.
- 436 stocks or stock complexes have overfished thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfished status.

Changes in overfished status of non-FSSI stocks

- In the Alaska Region –
 - *Gulf of Alaska Longnose Skate* is undefined (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).
 - *Gulf of Alaska Big Skate* is undefined (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).

- There are no changes to the other regions.